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Title: **DEACTIVATION ROLLER HYDRAULIC VALVE LIFTER**

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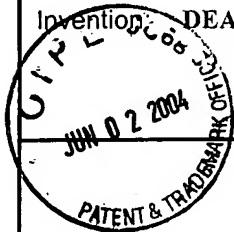
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, please consider the following remarks. No claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-5 remain pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 22 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,668,776 to Hendriksma et al. In order to overcome the double patenting rejection of claim 1, a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is being submitted herewith. As such, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 3 have been objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim. Since the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome with the

filing of the terminal disclaimer referred to above, Applicants request that the objection to claims 2 and 3 be withdrawn.

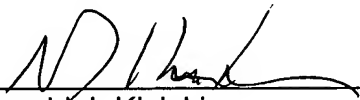
Claims 4 and 5 have been allowed.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$110.00 fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and any other fee that may have been overlooked, to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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